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Memo to File:

Re: Chinook Construction Ltd.  
ACT/015/016

On February 28th 1978, Brian Buck and Pat Driscoll visited this operation, west of Green River. Mr. Ed Gauthier accompanied them on a tour of the mine site. The entire mine area had been regraded to a self-draining and stable contour. Mr. Gauthier said that the mining ceased in December and the regrading was accomplished in January at a cost of \$15,000.00. The mining was being done illegally in August 1977 when first discovered by the Division. Chinook was very cooperative in complying with the Act and submitted a Mining and Reclamation Plan on September 8th 1977. The Division needed a map of the operation to complete the file and did not receive one until February 9th 1978. In order to cover the costs of reclamation, Chinook posted a \$10,000 bond with the Division on September 29th 1977.

The Division now has the required information to grant tentative approval and publish a notice. The field situation is somewhat out of sequence, however, inasmuch as Chinook has already regraded the mine site and will probably have reseeded the site prior to the final approval for their plan. Chinook's major concern is the release of their bond which should closely follow final approval. The firm has demonstrated its full intent to comply with the Act and claims that it did not know of the Act when it commenced mining. In any event, they have done a commendable job of reclamation and deserve rapid action by the Division and the Board.

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